Dear Sol (and), 2/11/74

The diminishing stack on my desk is still about two inches high. I'm down to your Xmas card, which told me what I'd never have believed, that you do have a "Silent Night in Brooklyn!"

All ours are, fortunately!

Our situation has improved a little by virtue of our being able to reduce our indebtedness plus Lil's investing of what would lay an ordinary woman (or man) out flat, incredible hours I can't get her to reduce.

I got a $5,000 plus settlement (on my own-no negative-minded lawyer because I could get none) on what I've been gypped out of on Frame-Up (plus all the remaining copies to sell). It went to the bank on our debt. And by saying "no" each time he relayed an offer from the government and urged its acceptance and ultimately making both the argument and counter-offer I pressed we have agrred to a settlement that while considerably below the actual damage is enough to pay the bank the rest and at least our home will not be in hock for the work I've done.

Lil is putting out more work and in more hours than ever. She is into the rush of the tax season very early.

I keep working, productively in all but money. If you saw reports of the sixth circuit order of an evidentiary hearing for Ray they are mild compared with the decision itself. It comes from my work. The doctrine comes directly from my book.

Recently there have been several university feelers for my files to become an archive. Not just on assassinations, which alone makes an exceptional one, the reality and the content being quite opposite the (uninformed, no offense) liberal presumption. Only feelers. My terms are 100% of the files and my future work in return for making continuation of it possible. If I can work for 20 more years it will be a scholarly and historical bargain. If I put a cash figure on it my prospects would be better.

Even you might be surprised at what I have on Watergate that has not even been indicated publicly. And CIA. And documents that were suppressed. AND NIXON in all of this. (Keeping up is a major chore, time wrenched from each long day.) And Ford and his past that coincides -confidential-with that of several Watergate figures. In documents, again.

Our best to you all, sincerely,